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COMPLIANCE

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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DATE: NOV 14 1988

SUBJECT: Deletion of Wastex Research, Inc. from the
list of Land Disposal Facilities
ILD 980 700 744

FROM: William E. Muno, Chief WEM and
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TO: Judy Stone, RPO for HWDMS
Information Management Section

Wastex Research, Inc. (Wastex), East St. Louis, Illinois, is a blender of hazardous waste fuel. The facility receives wastes from generators and blends the wastes for fuel. Two types of fuel are blended; one type is sold to asphalt plants and the other is sold to Continental Cement, Hannibal, Missouri. As a result of this operation, this facility manages hazardous waste in the following methods; storage in containers, storage in tanks.

On September 24, 1984, DOJ, on behalf of U.S. EPA, filed a Complaint in regard to the subject facility. This Complaint identified what U.S. EPA and IEPA believed were hazardous waste management units at the facility, these units included container, tank storage areas and activities related to fuel blending and marketing.

On October 6, 1986, IEPA sent a Compliance Inquiry Letter to Wastex, in regard to a September 4, 1986, inspection which identified 40 CFR Subpart F violations. U.S. EPA and IEPA have subsequently determined that the alleged use of a surface impoundment was not RCRA regulated.

On July 31, 1987, a "Final" Consent Decree was signed by U.S. EPA, DOJ, IAG, IEPA, and the Respondent. After evaluating information submitted by Wastex, on October 14, 1987, as a result of the Consent Decree, we have determined that the conditions in the Consent Decree are being met.

On October 14, 1988, IEPA performed an inspection of the Respondent's facility and identified a waste pile storage area not identified on the Respondent's Part A permit application. Samples were taken from the waste pile on February 4, 1988.

Staff of the RCRA Enforcement Branch recently reviewed the sampling results for the above-referenced waste pile. This review, and the October 14, 1988, IEPA inspection, raised some concerns regarding the land disposal facility status of the above facility.

Based on the February 4, 1988, waste pile split sampling event and subsequent analytical results by Peoria Disposal Company and IEPA at the above facility, the contents of the waste pile were determined to be not RCRA regulated hazardous wastes. Thus, this facility would cease to be a land disposal facility.

Therefore, we recommend that Wastex be deleted from the land disposal facility list.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Walter Francis of my staff at 3-4921.

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